

Diocesan and Community News

Supporting your Church: In good times and bad times, Catholic faithful have supported the church generously. Your Parish needs your generous support to continue. Collections at Weekly Masses are the main source of income. We need to consider alternative options to continuing your contributions to the Church. Our bank is not able to process ACH payments. You can mail in your weekly/monthly offering to the parish office. (W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653) Thank you for your generosity!

Wills & Estates:

As you prayerfully execute your will or do estate planning please consider keeping the St. Peter Parish in mind. The most common and simplest way to include the parish in your last wishes is to include a bequest in your will or trust.

Marriage Preparation Retreats: The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples on April 24 and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, please email Mari at mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

Help for Farmers – Rural Resiliency: Caring for You and Yours 4 Week Webinar Series March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. (Tuesday nights) This webinar series is a discussion starter and healthy mindset promoter for dealing with rural behavioral and brain health, communication skills, and relationship enrichment for self, marriage and families. Farm families and those who work with them as consultants or neighbors are encouraged to attend. Parishes are encouraged to host community viewings of the webinar, following COVID restrictions, to allow farmers and interested rural associates to come together for group discussion and support. Rev. Dr. Larry Tranel, Pastoral Psychologist and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist is the featured speaker for:

- March 2—Farm Stress Resiliency and Grief
 - March 9—Personality Keys When “Married” to Farm Stress
 - March 16—Dealing with the Stresses of Men, Women, and Children
 - March 23—Brain and Behavioral Health “Hacks” to Mitigate Distress. Questions can be directed to: tranel@iastate.edu. Registration is available at: aep.iastate.edu/stress.
- ** Register early as registration to the webinar is limited to the first 500 people.

Christ Our Cornerstone Campaign: The Christ Our Cornerstone campaign to restore the steeple and facilitate other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral is under way. You can find pamphlets in the back of church with instructions on how to donate to this cause.

Kid’s Korner

Jesus Shows His Glory



Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

Afterwards, Jesus told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what had happened until after He rose from the dead. They were confused because they didn't understand that Jesus had to die. But now they knew that Jesus was not just a normal man. They had seen some of the awesomeness of God.



Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them knew something amazing about Jesus. Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him!

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZLE

Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!

God wanted to test Abraham's faith. He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Did Abraham trust in God?
3-3=

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son, or did he stop him?

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3+4= 6+4= 5-1=

5-3= 1+5=

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| 0 YES | 4 SENT | 8 BURNED |
| 1 NO | 5 KILLED | 9 SWORD |
| 2 SHEEP | 6 INSTEAD | 10 HIM |
| 3 COW | 7 STOPPED | |



PASTOR

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday.....10:00 AM

Please keep capacity to 75 people.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration
& By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Korn, Gary Flock, Michael Hundt
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Mark Gronemus)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery,
Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,
Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (Please call Father Biju's cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

3/3 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Kathleen Malzacher (ML)

3/5 Fri. 8:00 AM – All the dying & the Souls in Purgatory (RJK)

3/6 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Clarence & Verna Clements (SAH)

3/7 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter's Parish Family

You may still observe the Sabbath from home via televised Mass (La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday) or online at diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. March 3 – CCD for Grades 7-10, 7-8:15 PM

Wed. March 3 – Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM

Sun. March 7 – CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

Wed. March 10 – CCD for Grades 7-10, 7-8:15 PM

Wed. March 10 – Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM

Sat. & Sun. March 13 & 14 - Blest Art Sales

Sun. March 14- CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

Wed. March 31 – Lenten Confessions 6 – 9 PM



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021

Diocese of La Crosse



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,301.75
	\$398.25
Year to Date Target -	\$59,500.00
Year to Date Total -	\$65,565.68
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Readings for March 7, 2021

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

HIS CHURCH

IS STILL HERE † IT STILL PROVIDES IS YOU AND ME

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Diocesan Annual Appeal: Please note the picture above that shows our target and commitment so far to this appeal. We are \$2,805 short of our target to date. Keep in mind that if we do not reach this goal we will have to pay the difference to the Diocese from our church reserves. However, if we surpass this goal anything over and above comes back to us to use for our parish needs.

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John. Mark 9: 2-10

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus brings his disciples away from the noise and business of the market place and takes them up a mountain. This is not unusual in itself. We know from the gospels that Jesus himself often went to the mountain top to pray on his own. While they are on the mountain, something very strange and unusual happens. Jesus is changed in a very dramatic way; he is transformed beyond all recognition. *His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.* Imagine the surprise and shock of those who were with Jesus. Peter said *'Lord it is wonderful for us to be here'*.

As we continue our Lenten journey and Jesus continues his own journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what he is facing. He will be betrayed, denied, condemned and crucified. Perhaps he feels and senses the disciples' fear and anxiety and He wants to reassure them. Maybe this brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant for us today. Perhaps like the disciples, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. We too need know that our prayer, fasting and sharing with the poor is not an end in itself. We are heading towards the resurrection and the new life of Easter. The experience of Jesus transformed offers each of us a taste of what lies ahead of us. If we share in the suffering and passion of Jesus, we will also share in his resurrection. When we are tempted to give up and give in, let us look to Jesus changed and transformed. May we see in him the future that is promised to us. As we continue to make our way through Lent, let us do what the voice of God says to each of us; *'This is my Son, Listen to him.'*

Two days ago, I had a call from the Christian handicrafts from the holy land reminding me of their visit. So, people from Blest Art would be at the parishes on 13 and 14. The Olive wood handicraft products purchased from them helps support the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Parish Census: To date we have received back 51 out of 103 registrations sent out. The deadline has been extended to February 28. If you have misplaced your form please call the church office or email with any changes. EVEN IF NOTHING HAS CHANGED WE STILL NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU! Thank you for your assistance.

Little Black Book: There are small black covered books on the table in the back of church that are a Lenten gift to you. The book includes a 6 minute meditation for every day of Lent that helps you reflect on the Gospels. Take one home with you & feel free to pick one up for a friend or relative that is not able to attend church.

La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Presents: A Lenten Journey Through the Holy Land Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Our host, Lorraine Riedl, will take us on a virtual walk through the life of Jesus in the Holy Land using photos from a recent pilgrimage. THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO JOIN THE MEETING:

- 1) Go to the link at LDCCW.org and click to join
- 2) Manually join on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 826 9510 0524 Passcode: 449588
- 3) Dial in on phone only at +1 312 626 6799 using the above Meeting ID and Passcode.

Morning of Reflection: The PPCW of St. Joseph Cathedral invites all women of the La Crosse deanery to join us for a Lenten Morning of Reflection.

* Saturday, March 6, 2021 8:00 Mass @Cathedral

* St. Joseph Cathedral, 530 Main St. La Crosse

* 8:00 - 11:00 am

A light breakfast will be served in the Undercroft after Mass. Our guest speaker will be Christopher Ruff from the La Crosse Diocesan Center. He will be speaking on St. Joseph the Workman, in this year of St. Joseph. Please make reservations by calling either Therese @ 784-3762 or Betty @ 788-7619.